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This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply forwarded to the applicants on July 24, 2002 (copy enclosed) wherein the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicated the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (mailed to applicants February 20, 2002; filed by applicants June 20, 2002) was incomplete. The reply inadvertently did not include substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-eight (28) sheets of formal drawings for substitution in the above-referenced application that comply with the margin requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(g). This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition and for a four-month extension of time. A petition and fee for a 2-month extension was filed on June 20, 2002, therefore, submitted herewith is our check for \$1040.00 for an additional two-month extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 to

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 06/24/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 02/20/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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